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MONTREAL FOR ICAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, PINR, NP
SUBJECT: BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION

REF: A) STATE 199670, B) STATE 212172, C) KATHMANDU 4282

1. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS CHAIRED BY FRG AMB MAES
TO PUT OUR ACT TOGETHER, LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF
RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN KATHMANDU (FRG, UK,
FRANCE, JAPAN AND USA) CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER
ARYAL ON SEPT. 5 FOR DEMARCHE TO URGE NEPALESE SUPPORT
FOR BONN ANTI-HIJACKING DECLARATION.

2. AS SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP MAES SUMMARIZED MAIN POINTS
OF BONN DECLARATION, SOLICITED GON'S FORMAL SUPPORT OF
ITS OBJECTIVES AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GON WOULD ALSO
INDICATE ITS PUBLIC SUPPORT. FOLLOWING
HIS PRESENTATION MAES LEFT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
AIDE MEMOIRE ON SUBJECT IN WHICH WE HAD ALL
PREVIOUSLY CONCURRED. TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE
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BEING POUCHED TO M/CT.

3. MAES ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF NEPAL'S
RATIFICATION OF HAGUE CONVENTION AS WELL AS
MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS.

4. IN REPLY ARYAL, WHO HAD BEEN FULLY BRIEFED

ON PURPOSE OF MEETING AS RESULT OF MY BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MFA (REF C AND PREVIOUS) RECALLED THAT NEPAL HAD ALSO BEEN VICTIM OF HIJACKINGS AND SAID GON SHARED OUR CONCERN ABOUT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. HE ADDED THAT GON FULLY SUPPORTED OBJECTIVES OF BONN DECLARATION IN PRINCIPLE. BUT WOULD HAVE TO STUDY TEXT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR NEPAL, BEFORE COMING TO DECISION ON PUBLIC AND OR PRIVATE ENDORSEMENT OF DECLARATION. MATTER WOULD BE STUDIED AND WE WOULD BE INFORMED OF GON'S DECISION IN DUE COURSE.

5. AS FOR CONVENTIONS, ARYAL INFORMED US THAT HMG HAD DECIDED TO RATIFY ALL THREE AND PAPER WOULD TO THIS EFFECT WAS BEING COMPLETED. ON OUR BEHALF MAES CONGRATULATED ARYAL ON THIS POSITIVE STEP IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORT AGAINST TERRORISM.

5. COMMENT: REGRET THAT OUR COLLECTIVE DEMARCHE DID NOT MEET AUG 31 DEADLINE, THIS BEING DUE LARGELY TO DELAY IN RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS BY MAES. DECISION-MAKING PROCESS IS SLOW IN KATHMANDU AND WE DO NOT ANTICIPATE EARLY REPLY FROM NEPALESE ON THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDS BONN DECLARATION. EVEN IF NEPALESE DO NOT RESPOND, THIS EXERCISE HAS HAD CONFIDENTIAL

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SALUTARY RESULT OF BRINGING ABOUT NEPALESE RATIFICATION OF HAGUE, MONTREAL AND TOKYO CONVENTIONS. HECK

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